Lovers on the Sand
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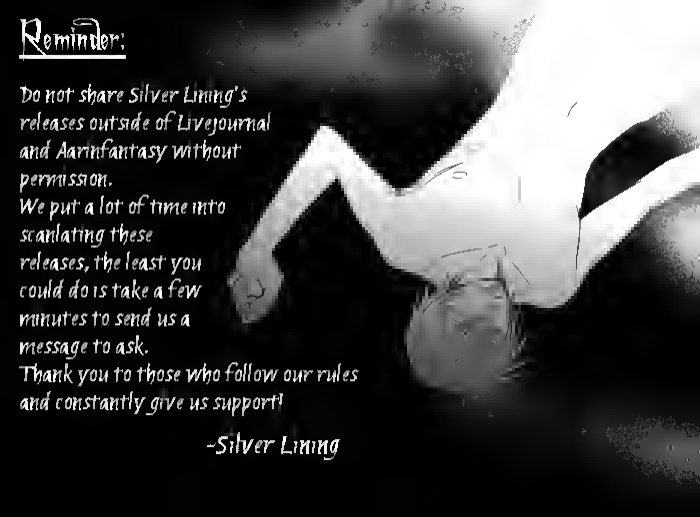
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When was that?
I think it was a long time ago...
And yet it feels like it just happened.

That was an event we promised to forget.
HE—Y!
LOVERS ON THE SAND
砂の上の恋人たち
SECOND NIGHT

In the middle of the desert there is an oasis city called Afdal.
It is ruled by the head of the Raun family.
SHAMS!
OVER HERE! OVER HERE!
Kya! Kya!
THIS LOVELY LADY HAS JUST INVITED THE TWO OF US TO LUNCH! ♡
WHAT'S OVER HERE?
He's the first son of the Afmal family. Shams.
This man is also from a branch family.
I am the second son of the Azrak family, a branch of the ruling family.

I'M SORRY BUT WE'RE CURRENTLY IN THE MIDDLE OF OFFICIAL BUSINESS
...
LET'S GO, SHAMS
That's too sad...
HUH?! WAIT A MINUTE, MATAL
RECENTLY THE NUMBER OF BEAUTIES THAT HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED IS ON THE RISE SO BE SURE TO BE CAREFUL!
PUSH PUSH
You'll come again tonight?
YOU'RE SO STRICT~~!
YOU'RE JUST TOO LAID BACK!
YOU SET A BAD EXAMPLE FOR THOSE BENEATH YOU.

LET'S CONTINUE OUR PATROL
IT WAS JUST A MEAL!
Since we were young Shams and I have had our scholarly studies and martial arts practices together.
Both our families have the same standing and we're the same age so I ended up closer to him than anyone.
That's why...
Although it may look like I'm strict with him it's only because I know what he's capable of.
Thank you...
And have the utmost faith in him.

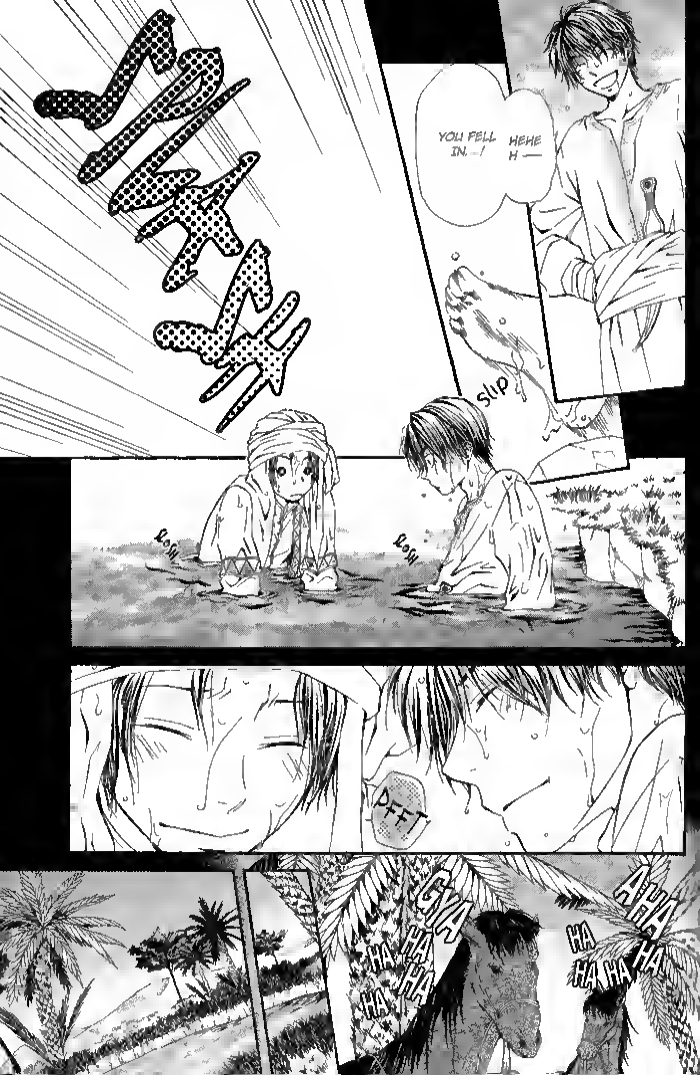
MATA!
toss
catch
YOU CAN HAVE HALF!
AN APPLE...
step
bite
One day I decided that...

I wanted to support this country alongside him.
That's what I thought.
IT'S DELICIOUS!
HUH?
IS THAT FOR REAL, FATHER?!
SHAMS IS GOING TO MARRY IJAMAL...?
IT'S REAL

THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS ABOUT HIS PEDIGREE AND HE HAS A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF HIM.
AFTER ALL, SHAMS-DONO IS GOING TO BE THE ONE TO TAKE OVER THE AFMAL FAMILY.
IJAMAL WON'T GET A BETTER MARRIAGE PROPOSAL THAN THIS
BUT HE'S KNOWN FOR HIS PHILANDERING.
AND BESIDES, ISN'T HIS REPUTATION IN MARTIAL ARTS AS GOOD AS YOURS?
ANYWAY.
COUGH
GLARE
Hahaha! I was also that way when I was young.
IT'S BETTER THAT WAY SINCE HE'S A HEALTHY YOUNG MAN AFTER ALL!
A GOOD HUSBAND FOR MY YOUNGER SISTER.
I'M NOT CONFIDENT HE COULD BE...

IT'S ALREADY BEEN DECIDED
WE'VE ALREADY SPOKEN WITH HIS FAMILY ABOUT IT
Why?

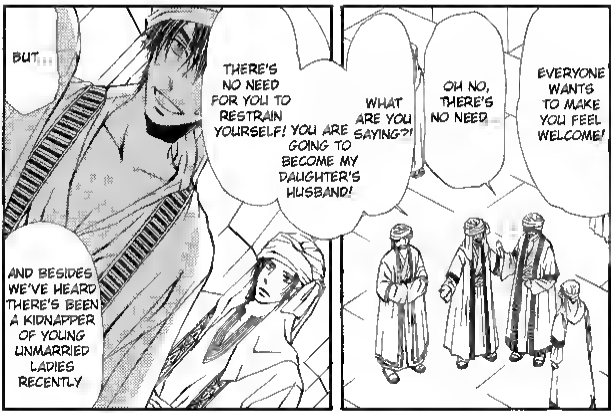
Why am I remembering it now—— ...?
WE'RE SAVED!
I WAS PARCHED
PLOP
IT'S BE-CAUSE YOU RECKLESSLY RACED YOUR HORSE
THAT WE GOT LOST
SORRY ABOUT THAT!
WELL
SHO
VE
WAH!


YOU FELL IN...!
HEHEH——
slip
Rolu
Rolu
DFFT
GYA HA HA HA HA
AHA HA HA HA HA

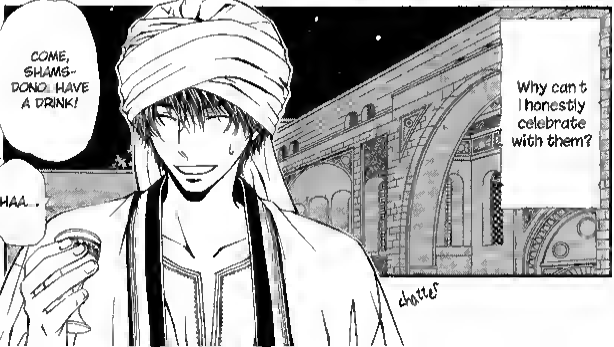
WHERE?
WHAT IS?
YOU ARE.
flap
rustle
SQUEEZE
SO PRETTY

SHAMS?
WHAT ARE YOU...?
YO!
FUTURE BIG BROTHER!

...ARE YOU HAPPY?
IJAMAL IS A BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY.
SHAMS!
AND SHE'S VERY SWEET
HM-MM~
I GUESS SO
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT? ARE YOU SAYING THAT IJAMAL DOESN'T SUIT YOU?!
SHAMS-DONO!
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I...
FATHER!
I INSIST YOU COME TO MY HOME THIS EVENING
HUH?
SHAMS


BUT...
AND BESIDES WE'VE HEARD THERE'S BEEN A KIDNAPPER OF YOUNG UNMARRIED LADIES RECENTLY
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO RESTRAIN YOURSELF! YOU ARE GOING TO BECOME MY DAUGHTER'S HUSBAND!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
OH NO, THERE'S NO NEED
EVERYONE WANTS TO MAKE YOU FEEL WELCOME!

Even though I'm close to such a happy conversation...
WON'T YOU PROTECT IJAMAL?


COME, SHAMS-DONO. HAVE A DRINK!
chatter
HAA..
Why can't I honestly celebrate with them?
chatter

chatter
chatter
chatter
Thank you
Have a drink from me too!
chatter
MATAL NII-SAMA!
You're really worried, aren't you?
WHAT'S WRONG, IJAMAL?
THERE'S NO REASON TO BE AFRAID
WHA?...?!
SHOCK
HE'S NOT THE TYPE OF MAN WHO WOULD USE VIOLENCE ON A WOMAN
IS IT TRUE THAT HE'S VERY GOOD AT MARTIAL ARTS?
YES, IT'S TRUE.
UM...
NO. UM ABOUT SHAMS-SAMA. UM.
WON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU?

Jamal?
UH...
I SEE...
ARE YOU PATROLLING?
MATAL'
IT'S NOT LIKE MY FATHER WAS BEING SERIOUS WHEN HE ASKED YOU TO PROTECT IJAMAL BUT...
LET ME ACCOMPANY YOU.
THAT'S A BIG HELP
ALTHOUGH I KNOW THE REAL REASON WHY YOU CALLED OUT TO ME.
They're all getting drunk.
IT'S MUCH NICER WALKING AROUND OUT HERE THAN IT IS AT THE DINNER PARTY.
I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT THAT YOU, WHO LOVES WOMEN SO MUCH WOULD BE SO TENTATIVE ABOUT AN ENGAGEMENT

I DON'T DISLIKE WOMEN.
IF IT HAD BEEN ANYONE BUT MISS IJAMAL THEN I MIGHT HAVE TAKEN THEM.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
—— I'M SAYING IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF SHE WASN'T YOUR SISTER.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HER BEING MY SISTER?!
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED AT THE OASIS?

WHAT?
WHAT HAPPENED ON THE DAY WE BOTH PROMISED TO FORGET ABOUT?
...AH...
Shams...
Remembers too.
I...

HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT THAT,
EVEN FOR A MOMENT SINCE THAT DAY.

SINCE WE PROMISED I PRETENDED NOT TO REMEMBER
BUT EVEN NOW
I CAN'T FORGET WHAT HAPPENED THAT DAY

Shams,
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT WILL NEVER COME TRUE AGAIN
EVEN NOW I WONDER IF I COULD BE ABLE TO HOLD YOU AGAIN
I...
EVER SINCE THAT DAY
TOWARDS YOU, I...
Me too.

WE CAN'T BE!
NH!
KISS
MATAL?
SER

I'LL JUST REFUSE THE ENGAGE-MENT!
TO DO THIS SORT OF THING EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE GOING TO...
BECOME IJAMAL'S HUS-BAND...
YOU'LL HURT IJAMAL.
IF YOU DO THAT
RUSTLE
DASH
!
IS SOMEONE THERE?
RUSTLE

COULD IT BE THAT THE KIDNAPPER REALLY CAME HERE?!
WAIT!
JERK
WHOOSH
CLANG

NOW THEN
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO USE THAT SWORD
PRESS
ARE YOU PREPARED TO BE KILLED BY ME?
You're so impatient.
DON'T RUN OUT IN FRONT IF YOU'RE UNARMED.
CLANG
clack
STAGGER
KUH!
CLATTER
CLATTER

TAP
TAP
TAP
STOP IT!!
IJAMAL?!
THIS MAN ISN'T A SUSPICIOUS PERSON!
YOU'RE PREPARED, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT
?!
THIS IS THE PERSON I'M IN LOVE WITH!!
Rather than having them elope, father forgave them.
I guess there's no choice since she's my cute daughter
And decided to use the rumors of the kidnapper to run off and elope.
They became impatient due to the announcement of marriage with Shams
Jamal's partner was the son of one of our family's butlers.
We were going to intimidate you with the sword.

Shams agreeably accepted the break off of their engagement.
I'M GLAD WE COULD END IT WITHOUT HURTING IJAMAL
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS, SHAMS?
IT WAS MORE CONVENIENT FOR ME FOR IT TO END THIS WAY...
IT'S ALREADY LATE,
WE CAN CONTINUE THAT NEXT TIME
RATHER THAN THAT, I'D PREFER TO CONTINUE OUR CONVERSATION FROM EARLIER.

THUMP
click
WHEN'S THE NEXT TIME?
TOMORROW? THE DAY AFTER?
GRAB
!
I WANT TO...
CONTINUE NOW.

I UNDERSTAND...
I WANT TO FOREVER WALK BY YOUR SIDE
—I WANT TO BE YOUR EQUAL
YOU'LL ACCEPT ME, WON'T YOU?
NOW THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT MISS IJAMAL,
Don't hide your face
AFTER ALL, YOUR KISS EARLIER WAS ANSWER ENOUGH
RATHER IF WE BECOME INTIMATE THEN IT WILL BE EASIER TO ESTABLISH EVERYTHING TOGETHER! ♡
KISS
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE BENEATH ME JUST BECAUSE OUR BODIES ARE JOINED TOGETHER
HOW FRIVOLOUS...
KISS
KISS
Shams feelings were like a straightforward attack.

NO MORE PROMISES TO PRETEND TO FORGET
BECAUSE THERE'S NO WAY I'D BE ABLE TO
YEAH.
YOU'RE THE SAME, AREN'T YOU?
Because I feel the same way.
Perhaps I should be a bit more honest.

LOVERS ON THE SAND SECOND NIGHT END